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Letter dated 24 July 1995 from the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to enclose the text of the Declaration on the Implementation of the Washington Agreement, Joint Defence against Serb Aggression and Reaching a Political Solution Congruent with the Efforts of the International Community, signed by H.E. Dr. Franjo Tudjman, President of the Republic of Croatia, H.E. Mr. Alija Izetbegović, President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, H.E. Mr. Krešimir Zubak, President of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and H.E. Mr. Haris Silajdžić, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, after the Summit in Split, Croatia, on 22 July 1995.

We would kindly request your assistance in distributing the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under items 28 and 92 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

The delegation of the Republic of Croatia, led by the President of the Republic of Croatia dr. Franjo Tudman, the delegation of the Republic of Bosnia Herzegovina led by the President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina Alija Izetbegović and by the President of the Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina Krešimir Zubak, after their talks in Split on July 22nd 1995, adopted a

DECLARATION

on the implementation of the Washington Agreement, joint defense against Serb aggression and reaching a political solution congruent with the efforts of the international community

Confirming their strong commitment and political will to strengthen the cooperation and alliance of the Croatian and Bosniac nations in these fateful moments for the survival of both nations, faced with the increasing violence in the occupied territories of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, with the uncertainty of the peace process and the inefficacy of the international community ;

Having established that the occupying of and the attacks on the UN "safe areas" in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the joint operations by Bosnian and Croatian Serbs against the UN "safe area" in Bihać, the armed provocations in other areas of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, as well as the refusal of all peace plans by the Bosnian and Croatian Serbs, are part of a unified and joint strategy of continuing aggression and attempt to maintain occupation of territories in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina with the aim to create a "Great Serbia", under the leadership and with the full responsibility of the political and army leadership of the "FRY" (Serbia and Montenegro) ;

Having established that the continued aggression and violent attempts to keep control of the occupied territories in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia, as well as the inadequate results of the peace process, command the leaders of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina to fully examine the situation in the region from the standpoint of safeguarding the national survival of the Croatian and Bosniac people and the territorial integrity of the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina ;

Expressing their irrevocable support to the implementation of the Washington Agreement on the establishment of the Federation, as well as its confederal linking to the Republic of Croatia ;

Convinced that such a strong, internationally established, territorially viable, economically developed and democratically organized Federation is an irreplaceable governmental and political framework, the historical interest and the safest form of security and realization of equal national, political and other interests of the Croatian and Bosniac nations ;

Convinced also that on the basis of the realization of such a Federation of the Croatian and Bosniac nations and with the assistance of the international community, a solution to the crisis can be reached and the ground laid for a new, balanced regional order as a guarantee of peace, stability, security and development ;

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Calling on the Croatian Serbs to reexamine their current militant policy and to accept the peaceful reintegration in the constitutional order of the Republic of Croatia, and the Bosnian Serbs to accept the Contact Group plan ;

Calling on the "FRY" (Serbia and Montenegro) to give up aggression with the aim of creating a "Great Serbia", to stop giving military assistance to the extremists in Knin and in Pale and to agree to the mutual recognition of the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina within their internationally recognized borders ;

Confirming their readiness to actively contribute to the efforts towards an urgent revival of the peace process on the basis of acceptance of the Contact Group Plan in Bosnia-Herzegovina as well as the peaceful reintegration of the temporarily occupied territories of the Republic of Croatia ;

Underlying in particular that any prolongation of the existing ineffectiveness of UNPROFOR in Bosnia-Herzegovina as well as the non-application of the UNCRO mandate in Croatia will lead to the decision to call off the prolongation of their mandate in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina;

Supporting the decision to send Rapid Reaction Forces and jointly establishing that all questions concerning their arrival, mandate and deployment must be organized by way of a special agreement in accordance with the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina ;

Underlying the common viewpoint that any decision on lifting the arms embargo must be applied simultaneously to Bosnia-Herzegovina and to Croatia ;

Convinced that the "FRY" (Serbia and Montenegro) carries a special responsibility for the continuation of the crisis and judging that it is necessary to maintain and reinforce the United Nations Security Council sanctions system ;

Refusing ideas about renewing or creating any kind of new "Yugoslav" state community, considering them to be parallel and spare variations of Great-Serbian hegemony, and supporting normalization in the region on the basis of sovereignty, independence and integrity ;

Confirming their interest in the urgent implementation of the aforementioned principles of the Declaration, agreement has been reached on :

1. Widening and strengthening of the defense cooperation on the basis of the Agreement on friendship and cooperation between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina of July 21st 1992.

In this respect, the Republic and Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina have called upon the Republic of Croatia to extend urgent military and other assistance in the defense against aggression, especially in the area of Bihać, which the Republic of Croatia has accepted.

Agreement has also been reached on the continuation of cooperation and constant coordination of defense activities between Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Agreement has been reached as well on the cooperation between the main headquarters of the Croatian Army and the joint headquarters of the Army of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Croatian Defense Council for the sake of coordination of defense activities in the areas of command, logistics, military-industrial production, communication systems, information and analytical needs and other areas.

2. Creation of a political-legal expert group with the duty to urgently analyze and submit proposals for the integration of the functions of the Republic and Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina authorities.

3. Addressing an invitation for a meeting of the group of 22 member states of the "Friends of the Federation" on the highest level, in view of urgent donations and assistance in the face of the humanitarian and refugee catastrophe and to examine long-term joint reconstruction and development strategies.

4. Maintaining regular and constant political consultations aiming at the realization of the principles and agreements of this Declaration, as well as the preparation of legal, political and other foundations for the establishment of confederal ties with the Republic of Croatia.

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Krešimir Zubak
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